

INdiana Traffic Incident Management Effort

Agenda 2-15-2011

<u>Call to Order-</u> Major Melville, IN-TIME Chair

Roll Call- Karen Stippich, IN-TIME Secretary

<u>Welcome-</u> Major Melville

Minutes-

Approval for January 2011 Minutes

Motion -

Second -

Recent Incidents- Major Melville

Rush County- a 2001 Chevrolet pick-up truck was northbound on State Road 3, and for an unknown reason crossed the center line, and struck a southbound 2011 Hino box truck head on. The pick-up truck erupted in fire but was extinguished by the fire department. State Road 3 was closed for two hours while the emergency personnel investigated the crash, and cleared the wreckage



Media:

Attached is a photo from the crash that occurred on State Road 3 in Rush County earlier today. This photo was taken by law enforcement personnel.

We were not at the crash scene more that 10 minutes and many of you called or emailed me wanting a photo. I told you I would send one when I could. Some of you could not wait for me to send you the CORRECT photo but instead decided to post on your websites a bogus photo some "viewer" or "reader" sent to you by their "Smartphone". Some of you had to issue an apology. I hope this has taught you a valuable lesson, that being "first" is not always right. Take care......Rod

Rod Russell, Sgt.

Traffic on Highway 41 near the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds was at a standstill for part of the morning after a wrecker lost control coming to the scene of an accident.

Two vehicles were involved in a minor accident and deputies say the tow truck slid, then slammed into two sheriff's cruisers, totaling one of them. Sheriff Eric Williams says on days like Friday, you shouldn't have a false sense of confidence on the roadways.

"There was some salt down here but it just catches up to you when it's cold and the salt starts to melt and it refreezes and refreezes and melts and refreezes," Sheriff Williams says. "You just have to be careful out here because most of 41 was good, people were traveling along at a good clip and all of a sudden you hit this ice and there's nothing you can do."

Only one minor injury was reported in the accident.

We had 24 ISP commissions struck at traffic stops or crash scenes in 2010. We have already had 5 this year.

In a horrific twist of irony, a Nassau County (Long Island, NY) Police Department Highway Patrol Officer was killed in the Line of Duty when his car was struck by another vehicle just miles from where a NY State Police Trooper threatened to arrest the Nassau County, Long Island Fire Chief for his attempt to protect those operating on the roadway. Chief Allen said the trooper did not want him to close the right lane of the parkway, insisting that he allow both the right and left lanes to handle the flow of traffic after the accident and responders operate in the middle.

Fire & Police Emergency personnel needed 30 minutes to free the veteran cop from the twisted wreckage after John Kaley, 25, of New Britain, Conn., smashed into the car from behind with the flatbed. Kaley was charged with one count of criminally negligent homicide. He's also accused of violating a new state law that requires drivers to move away from stopped emergency vehicles.

The Officer was sitting in his cruiser with lights flashing during a traffic stop on the Long Island Expressway. Officer Califano had pulled a vehicle over for having insufficient lights and was sitting in his car when it was struck from behind. The impact propelled the cruiser under a stopped box truck, while the flatbed mounted the police vehicle's roof.

http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=hUaoc2329vU

While not a Firefighter LODD, a Kentucky Veteran Firefighter who was working on the highway as a part of a cleanup crew was struck and killed yesterday. Volunteer Firefighter (and former Chief) Danny Allen was hit and killed Tuesday morning on a northern Kentucky interstate and his last act was reportedly trying to save a co-worker. This is yet another example of the danger of operating on the highways for fire, police or any related services worker.

Allen was a Fairdale and Nichols Firefighter, and formerly the Edgewood Fire Chief. Investigators say Allen was working on a standard environmental cleanup for a Shelbyville company along I-71 in Gallatin County when a box truck crossed into the work area and hit the former chief. Allen died and two other people were injured. One of the injured men told Allen's family that the former fire chief tried to push him out of the way.

Work Zone video

Successful Quick Clearance examples:

12:05 2-2-11 I-65 NB @ 168.0 MM / TIPPECANOE CO / ALL LANES CLOSED JACKKNIFE SEMI & CRASH / DURATION UNKNOWN / AUTH ISP OPS / INDYTMC-KBORDELON

12:17 2-2-11 UPDATE I-65 NB @ 168.0 MM / TIPPECANOE CO / RIGHT LANE OPEN / DURATION ON LEFT LANE CLOSURE UNKNOWN / AUTH ISP OPS / INDYTMC-KBORDELON

7:46AM I-65 NB @ 133.0 MM / BOONE CO / ALL LANES CLOSED CRASH INVOLVING SEMI W/DIESEL SPILL / DIVERTING @ SR 267 / DURATION UNKNOWN / AUTH BOONE CO SD / INDYTMC-KBORDELON

7:58AM UPDATE I-65 NB @ 133.0 MM / BOONE CO / <mark>LEFT 2 LANES SB ALSO CLOSED</mark> / DURATION UNKNOWN / INDYTMC-KBORDELON

10:59AM UPDATE I-65 NB/SB @ 133.0 MM / BOONE CO / ALL LANES NOW OPEN / INDYTMC-KBORDELON

Outreach-

- 2-3-11 Fishers Fire Department
- 2-10-11 met with 3 ISP PIO's that will be helping give IN-TIME presentations

Next week- Meeting with Mrs. Crane and daughter Kerri. Kerri was in a serious secondary crash in Boone County in 2006 and will be at one of our meetings soon to tell her part of the survivor story! They will be here for the March meeting to speak!



→ Go out and make presentations to get the word out.

IN-TIME Website

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!! ISP is going to host the networks and update the website in 2011. IDHS is also going to have a link to the website.

Old Business

Ad-Hoc Committees-

Media Response Guide for Traffic Incident Management- F/Sgt. Brian Olehy

In attendance: (email addresses included at request of meeting participants)

F/Sgt. David Bursten <u>dbursten@isp.in.gov</u> Indiana State Police
 Sgt. Tony Slocum <u>tslocum@isp.in.gov</u> Indiana State Police

• Chief Dep. Jason Lee <u>jlee@cityoflebanon.org</u> Lebanon Fire Department and Boone County sheriff Department

• Amy Hartsock <u>ahartsoc@idem.in.gov</u> Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management

• Will Wingfield <u>wwingfield@indot.in.gov</u> Indiana Department of Transportation

• *Paul Stauder <u>pstauder@wthr.com</u> WTHR TV-13 Indianapolis, IN

* Paul Stauder was not able to attend in person but provided input via email that was a substantial portion of the meeting

Sgt. Slocum



IN-TIME media guidance draft.doc

HazMat Training – Jason Sewell

Jason Sewell with IDEM is working with Debbie Rauen at the Indiana Department of Labor to start Haz Mat response training for traffic incidents.

• A draft letter of interpretation that will better define what is a spill and what is reportable is being reviewed by the IDEM Deputy Commissioner. Once that is issued training will follow.

A Draft Letter of interpretation was distributed with no comments back. The letter is being prepared for signature. Deb Rauen from Dept. of Labor is working on Hazmat training.

Communications- Deputy Chief Russ Shoaf

Attached is a draft of the Best Practices that has been developed for the Indianapolis area. The various fire departments within Marion, Boone, Hamilton, Johnson counties have been informed of the system. I will be scheduling meetings with many of the Operation Chiefs throughout the IHDS Dist 5 area to discuss the Communication Best Practices.

Russ Shoaf



Election Committee

Chaired by the Secretary and members appointed by the IN-TIME chair.

Shall ask for volunteers and nominate persons to be placed on the ballot for voting for Vice-Chair and the Secretary positions.

Election Committee:

Karen Stippich Don Holder Jeff Larmore Danny price

Seeking more than one person for each position. Nominations will be provided at the February Meeting with the election at the March meeting. New officers will take their office in April.

IN-TIME Website (http://indianatime.org)

Start using the website.

ISP PIO Division will be working on a new website to put it on the ISP website.

<u>INDOT-</u> INDOT is working on update the specification for Cable barrier Rail that will include breaks in the barriers for responders to use. These will be not be paved but should be useable by responders.

A 20 FOOT CROSSOVER WAS RECOMMENDED TO INDOT SO SOME OF THE LARGER FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLES COULD TURN.

Photogrammetry -

134 total uses of Photogrammetry

57 minutes –average time to measure using photogrammetry

2 Hours 46 Minutes – Average Estimated Measurement Time NOT using Photogrammetry

<u>1 Hour and 47 Minutes</u>: Average Time SAVED PER ROAD CLOSING SCENE using Photogrammetry.

899 hours- time saved that the general public would have been sitting in traffic or working their way through traffic before the traffic lanes were back to normal flow.

IN-TIME Webinars

Need help with webinar – team of two to deal with this each month.

Old business from the floor

New Business

Major,

Thought you may be interested to know that on the ARIES crash repository we can now query <u>"Secondary Collision"</u> as a search criteria in the Collision Data page of the ARIES Web Portal. I thought this would be of interest to the IN-TIME group.

Ryan Klitzsch

Presentation-

Prof. Darcy Bullock presentation of INDOT Damage Tag Pilot

Next Meeting -

TUESDAY – March 15, 2011,

Indianapolis Indiana State Police Post-TMC

0900 state time

Webinar access will be sent out closer to the date.